Homework 8

Did you ever wonder how Spotify and YouTube manage their playlists? In this homework you will build a simple object-oriented architecture for playlist management.

Usage

Our playlist management system consists of three classes. The testing (client) class is named RuniFi. The main method in this class creates a playlist and a few tracks, adds the tracks to the playlist, and then runs various tests. Here is a typical session (some **bold** formatting was added, to improve readability):

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% java RuniFi
Adding tracks...
My list:
ABBA, Fernando, 354
John Lennon, Imagine, 187
Radiohead, Creep, 369
Michael Jackson, Thriller, 222
Total time duration of my list (in seconds):1132
After adding Yesterday at location 1:
ABBA, Fernando, 354
The Beatles, Yesterday, 125
John Lennon, Imagine, 187
Radiohead, Creep, 369
Michael Jackson, Thriller, 222
Index of Creep: 3
Index of Shake It Off: -1
After removing the track in location 2:
ABBA, Fernando, 354
The Beatles, Yesterday, 125
Radiohead, Creep, 369
Michael Jackson, Thriller, 222
After removing the first track:
The Beatles, Yesterday, 125
Radiohead, Creep, 369
Michael Jackson, Thriller, 222
After removing the last track:
The Beatles, Yesterday, 125
Radiohead, Creep, 369
New list:
Cher, Believe, 240
Coldplay, Yellow, 269
Lady Gaga, Shallow, 217
Doja Cat, Woman, 172
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New list after removing Yellow:

Cher, Believe, 240 Lady Gaga, Shallow, 217 Doja Cat, Woman, 172

My list after merging with new list:

The Beatles, Yesterday, 125 Radiohead, Creep, 369 Cher, Believe, 240 Lady Gaga, Shallow, 217 Doja Cat, Woman, 172

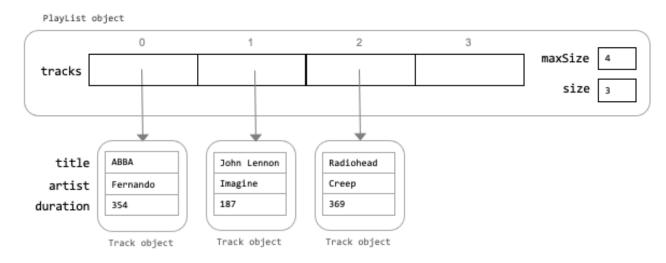
The shortest track in my list is Yesterday

My list after sorting by increasing duration:

The Beatles, Yesterday, 125
Doja Cat, Woman, 172
Lady Gaga, Shallow, 217
Cher, Believe, 240
Radiohead, Creep, 369
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Data structure

Our system consists of three classes: Track, PlayList, and RuniFi. Each musical track is represented by a Track object (an instance of a class named Track), and each playlist is represented by a PlayList object (an instance of a class named PlayList). Inside the PlayList class, a playlist is implemented as an array whose elements point to Track objects, as follows:



Note that clients who create and use playlists (programs like RuniFi) use the PlayList class API without knowing anything about this internal architecture. That's one example of a good object-oriented design: Clients can use objects without worrying about how they are implemented.

Implementation plan

- 1. Read the code of RuniFi, and learn how it uses the services of the PlayList and Track classes. As we said above, RuniFi, which is a client program, knows absolutely nothing about the internal implementation of playlists. It creates and manipulates playlists like black box objects, using the class API (which is given to you as the skeletal PlayList.java file).
- 2. Implement and test the helper formattedDuration method in the Track class. You can use Java's String.format method (which is documented in the <u>String class API</u>). Or better flex your programming muscles and write a few lines of code that implements this formatting logic directly. You will have to do some simple computations, and convert int values to characters and strings a good little programming exercise.
- 3. Implement the PlayList methods, in the order in which they appear in the PlayList.java file. This will allow you to unit-test these methods in the order in which they are called and tested in RunFi.java.

Implementation tips

- 1. The mother of all tips in this particular program: Don't forget to modify the size field when adding or deleting tracks.
- 2. When implementing the toString method of PlayList, remember that Track objects know how to display themselves. Use this ability.
- 3. When implementing the add(int i, Track track) method, note that there are two cases. If you are adding a track to the end of the list, that's easy. Otherwise, you have to make room for the new track. To do so, you have to write code that shifts all the elements of the tracks array one position to the right.
- 4. Note that the playlist *is ordered*. The order is simply the order by which the tracks were added to the list by the user. Therefore, when removing a track: (i) you are not allowed to change the order of the remaining tracks in the list, and (ii) you have to "close the gap" in the array, by shifting all the tracks on the right of the deleted track one step to the left.
- 5. When implementing the add(PlayList other) method, remember that PlayList objects know how to add tracks to themselves. Use this ability.
- 6. The indexOf(String title) method makes no assumptions about the lower-case / upper-case format of the given title input. In other words, inputs like Imagine, imagine, IMAGINE, or ImaGine should all cause the method to focus on the track whose title is "Imagine". When implementing this method, you can leave this implementation detail to the end. Start by assuming that the input is correct, i.e. "Imagine", and make sure that the method works correctly. Then take care of the upper/lower case detail.
- 7. When implementing the remove(String title) method, remember that we already have a method that knows how to return the index of a track that has some title.

- 8. To test your implementation of the minIndex(String title) method, use the titleOfShortestTrack method, whose implementation is given. Notice that the latter method provides only a limited test of minIndex, since it starts the search only at index 0. You must write some test code that calls minIndex with various start values. Put this code in the main method of RuniFi.
- 9. The sortedInPlace method operates directly on the tracks array. It does not create or return a new array. To swap two array elements, you have to put the value of one of the two elements in some temporary storage. For example, to save the value of tracks[i], use a statement like Track temp = tracks[i]. This statement declares an object variable named temp, and makes it point to the object that tracks[i] points at.

Submission

Submit only one Java class: PlayList.java. There is no need to submit Track and Runifi, even though you wrote some code in these classes. Before submitting your work for grading, make sure that your code is written according to our <u>Java Coding Style Guidelines</u>. **Submission deadline**: March 22nd, 2024, 23:55.